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SUBJ: 29TH GA: THIRD COMMITTEE - TWO RESES ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN
CHILE

REF: USUN 3857 USUN 3898

1. TRANSMITTED HERewith IS TEXT OF HOSTILE DRAFT RES
ON CHILE SPONSORED BY CUBA, ALGERIA, GUINEA-BISSAU,
DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, MALI, YUGOSLAVIA AND SENEGAL. WE
WOULD CALL DEPT'S ATTENTION TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4
WHICH CALLS ON BOTH PRESIDENT OF GA AND SYG TO TAKE ADEQUATE
MEASURES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE RESTORATION OF BASIC
HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS. WE HAVE HEARD
FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT PRESIDENT OF GA INCLUDED BECAUSE
OF BOUTEFLIKA'S DESIRE TO TAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN HOW THIS
QUESTION IS HANDLED. NOTE ALGERIA NOW LISTED AS ONE OF
CO-SPONSORS.

2. DUTCH AND OTHER CO-SPONSORS HAVE TABLED THEIR RES
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AS TRANSMITTED USUN 3898 AND BELIEVE THAT IT WILL HAVE

PRIORITY CONSIDERATION. NETHERLANDS REP (SPEEKENBRINK) SEEKING CLEARANCE TO INTRODUCE IT TOMORROW AM, OCTOBER 15. AT CO-SPONSORS MEETING THIS AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 14, AUSTRALIANS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT SOMETHING ALONG LINES LANGUAGE EARLIER SUGGESTED UNOFFICIALLY BY MISOFF NOTING ACTION TAKEN BY CHILE TO IMPROVE SITUATION. REPORTEDLY NETHERLANDS ALSO WILLING, BUT SWEDEN AND FINLAND ADAMANT IN OPPOSING ANY CHANGES ARGUING THAT THEIR DRAFT ALREADY AS "WEAK" AS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THEIR HOME GOVTS. ALSO MADE POINT THAT THE RESOLUTION ALREADY TABLED AND CHANGES AT THIS TIME MIGHT MEAN WITHDRAWING IT SO THAT HOSTILE DRAFT WOULD TAKE PRIORITY.

3. BRITISH SHARE OUR CONCERN ABOUT IMBALANCE OF DUTCH DRAFT AND WERE WILLING TO USE THEIR CO-SPONSORSHIP AS QUID PRO QUO FOR CHANGE OF WORDING ALONG LINE DESIRED BY US. BRITISH REP (MCCRAE), HOWEVER, FELT IT TOO LATE TO CHANGE DRAFT. THIS CONFIRMED BY SPEEKENBRINK WHO STATED THAT HE HAD HAD TO SUBMIT IT TO SECT THIS AM, IN ORDER TO ASSUME PRIORITY OVER HOSTILE DRAFT WHICH IN FACT SUBMITTED THIS PM.

4. ALTHOUGH CHANCES OF SUCCESS ARE NOT GOOD AT THIS POINT, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO SELL LANGUAGE ALONG LINES DESIRED BY DEPT AND HAVE ALREADY PASSED IT TO NETHERLANDS, UK AND AUSTRALIA. WE HAVE FEELING THAT LA COUNTRIES WOULD PREFER Milder DUTCH RES (BRAZIL HAS INDICATED THAT IT WOULD VOTE AGAINST CUBAN RESOLUTION) BUT NOT EXACTLY SURE HOW THIS WILL MATERIALIZE.

5. CHILEANS HAVE REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH AMB BENNETT FOR MORNING OF OCTOBER 15 TO DISCUSS "THEIR PROBLEM IN THIRD COMMITTEE".

QUOTE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BEARING IN MIND THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH REAFFIRMS FAITH IN FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF THE HUMAN PERSON,

RECALLING THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION
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OF HUMAN RIGHTS EVERY PERSON HAS A RIGHT TO LIFE, TO FREEDOM AND TO THE SECURITY OF PERSON AND THE RIGHT NOT TO BE SUBJECTED TO ARBITRARY ARREST OR IMPRISONMENT NOR SUBJECTED TO CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING PUNISHMENT OR TREATMENT,

FURTHER RECALLING RESOLUTION 3059 (XXVIII) NOVEMBER 2, 1973,

TAKING NOTE OF THE GREAT CONCERN EXPRESSED BY THE COMMISSION

ON HUMAN RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH THREATEN HUMAN LIFE AND FREEDOM.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE APPEAL MADE BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL IN RESOLUTION 1873 (LVI) TO THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO RESTORE AND SAFEGUARD BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOM IN CHILE, PARTICULARLY IN THOSE CASES INVOLVING THE THREAT TO HUMAN LIFE AND LIBERTY.

FURTHER NOTING THAT THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES IN ITS RESOLUTION 8 (LVII) MADE AN URGENT APPEAL TO THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES TO RESPECT THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS SIGNED AND RATIFIED BY CHILE.

TAKING NOTE THAT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE ILO IN A RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON JUNE 25, 1974, URGED THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES TO PUT AN END TO VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN, CLOSE DOWN CONCENTRATION CAMPS AND GUARANTEE THE LIVES AND FREEDOM OF WORKERS AND MEMBERS OF POLITICAL PARTIES WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, DEPORTED OR IMPRISONED, AS WELL AS TO PUT AN END TO TORTURE AND TO ABOLISH SPECIAL COURTS.

NOTING THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING THE APPEALS MADE BY THE VARIOUS BODIES OF THE UN, SERIOUS AND MASS VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS CONTINUED TO TAKE PLACE IN CHILE SUCH AS ARBITRARY ARREST, TORTURE AND INHUMAN AND DEGRADING TREATMENT OF PRISONERS, PARTICULARLY OF FORMER MEMBERS OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT.

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1. EXPRESSES ITS DEEP CONCERN OVER THE CONSTANT AND FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN CHILE,

2. REAFFIRMS ITS REJECTION OF ALL FORMS OF TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL INHUMAN AND DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PENALTIES,

3. DEMANDS THAT THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES RESPECT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, RE-ESTABLISH IMMEDIATELY BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, PUT AN END TO CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AND RELEASE POLITICAL, TRADE UNION AND CULTURAL PERSONALITIES, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED FOR POLITICAL REASONS,

4. REQUESTS THE PRESIDENT OF THE 29TH SESSION OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UN AND THE SYG TO TAKE ADEQUATE MEASURES IN THE LIGHT OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE RESTORATION OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN CHILE.

5. REQUESTS THE SYG TO REPORT TO THE 30TH SESSION ON THE STEPS TAKEN AND THE RESULTS OBTAINED, AS A RESULT OF THIS RESOLUTION. UNQUOTE
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